

## Abstract

The present invention relates to methods for producing a polypeptide, comprising:

(a) cultivating a *Bacillus* host cell in a medium conducive for the production of the polypeptide, wherein the *Bacillus* cell comprises a nucleic acid construct comprising (i) a tandem promoter in which each promoter sequence of the tandem promoter is operably linked to a single copy of a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide and alternatively also (ii) an mRNA processing/stabilizing sequence located downstream of the tandem promoter and upstream of the nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide; and

(b) isolating the polypeptide from the cultivation medium.

The present invention also relates to methods for producing a polypeptide, comprising: (a) cultivating a *Bacillus* host cell in a medium conducive for the production of the polypeptide, wherein the *Bacillus* cell comprises a nucleic acid construct comprising (i) a "consensus" promoter having the sequence TTGACA for the "-35" region and TATAAT for the "-10" region operably linked to a single copy of a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide and (ii) an mRNA processing/stabilizing sequence located downstream of the "consensus" promoter and upstream of the nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide; and (b) isolating the polypeptide from the cultivation medium.